

Abstract

It is an object of the invention to play back presentation data even when an abnormality has occurred in playback control data. An information playback apparatus 1 for playing back contents formed by including titles #1, #2 ... having a plurality of files and playback control data Dvtsi for managing each of said files, and data units in which each file has presentation data A, V... and playback control data N for managing these data. The playback apparatus comprises: a signal processing unit 8 for playing back the presentation data A and V in accordance with the playback control data Dvtsi and N; and an abnormality detecting unit 6 for detecting an abnormality in each of data Dvtsi and data N. When the presentation data is being played back and once an abnormality is detected in the playback control data Dvtsi, a title to which the data Dvtsi belongs is detected, thereby performing a playback from the presentation data stored in an initial data belonging to this title, without following the playback control data Dvtsi belonging to this title. Upon detecting an abnormality in the playback control data N, it is possible to detect a data unit to which the playback control data N belongs, and continue to play back the presentation data belonging to this data unit, without following the playback control data N belonging to this data unit.